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STATE FOR A/LAMB AND NEA ATHERTON

LONDON FOR CONDAYAN

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)
SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

1. BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN GENEVA, ACTING AS SPOKESMAN
FOR THE EC, CALLED CHARGE TO SUGGEST THAT THE EC BE BRIEFED BY
A MEMBER OF THE PRESIDENT'S PARTY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
DISCUSSIONS NEXT MONDAY WITH ASAD.

2. HE SAID THIS HAD BEEN THE PRACTICE IN THE PAST,
AND THAT, IN VIEW OF THE ISSUES AT STAKE, HE HELT IT
WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR SUCH A BRIEFING TO BE ARRANGED
FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, AS WELL AS FROM THEIRS. WE
CONCUR.

3. PREFERRED FORMAT WOULD BE FOR THE GENEVA AMBASSADORS
OF THE NINE TO BE PRESENT DURING THE BRIEFING. THIS
WOULD AVOID CONFUSION AND ANY POSSIBLE GARBLING OF
DETAILS THAT MIGHT OCCUR IF THE BRIEFING WERE CONFINED
TO JUST A SINGLE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GROUP. ON THE
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OTHER HAND, IF OUR DESIRE WERE TO MEET WITH A SINGLE
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EC HE WOULD OF COURSE BE PREPARED
TO PERFORM THIS FUNCTION.

4. TI SAID I WOULD IMMEDIATELY RELAY HIS REQUEST TO
WASHINGTON AND PROMISED TO RESPOND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

5. IN LOOKING AT THE TIGHT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS MONDAY, IT SEEMS TO US THAT THE MOST LIKELY POSSIBILITY FOR PROVIDING A BRIEFING WOULD BE FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY AHERN TO MEET WITH AMBASSADORS OF THE NINE IN A SEPARATE ROOM IN THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL DURING THE TWENTY-MINUTE ONE-ON-ONE MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT CARTER AND ASAD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DINNER.

7. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY WOULD BE TO OFFER TO BRIEF EC AMBASSADORS IN LONDON THE NEXT MORNING.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST (A) WHETHER IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE THE EC WITH A HIGH-LEVEL BRIEFING AS REQUESTED, AND, IF SO (B) WHERE, (C) WHEN, (D) WHO WOULD DO IT AND (E) WHETHER WE COULD AGREE TO BRIEF ALL NINE AMBASSADORS TOGETHER OR ONLY THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR ACTING AS THEIR REPRESENTATIVE. SORENSON

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